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Jersey City Using GPS Devices to Track City Vehicles and Cut Down on Abuse and Increase Accountability

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** and the **Department of Public Works** announce the installation of **GPS devices** in city vehicles to eliminate personal use by employees, increase accountability and cut down on fuel expenses.

The first phase, which is a 30-day test run at no cost to the taxpayers, involves the installation of the GPS devices in 20 DPW vehicles. The second phase – which has already been approved – will result in the **expansion of the program to 95 vehicles** used by the Department of Public Works, followed by full expansion to the Police Department and other city agencies

“We know past administration’s have fostered a culture of entitlement and abuse by employees of city vehicles and we are taking every measure to ensure an end to that abuse,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “With this program we are creating mechanisms for accountability. Any employee who takes a city vehicle outside of city bounds or uses it for a purpose other than city business, we will know and we will discipline such behavior.”

The GPS system being used by the City is the ‘Silent Passenger GPS Fleet Management System’ from Vehicle Tracking Solutions, LLC of Deer Park, NY. This system is a cutting-edge fleet management program that makes it easy to effectively and efficiently monitor city owned vehicles at all times, allowing directors to track time of movement, ignition and activity.

The system integrates detailed, up-to-date maps from Microsoft Bing with real-time traffic information and turn-by-turn directions. As an effective vehicle management tool, it tracks vehicle statistics, including total drive time, stop time, hours driven, routes taken and idle time for the day while tracking and locating a vehicle’s current location on an interactive map in real time. It also allows email and text alerts in real time and it can customize reports by vehicles and departments.

The GPS system can also create geofences and landmarks allowing the DPW to set a radius and be notified when vehicles enter or exit a designated area marked or a vehicle goes outside the city’s boundaries. There is also a Vehicle Maintenance Module which monitors oil changes, inspections and other routine vehicle maintenance.

“Already this GPS program has helped eliminate wasteful vehicle idling times thereby reducing fuel consumption,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “It has also eliminated unauthorized stops and after-hour usage by city employees and has greatly improved productivity while creating efficiency and accountability throughout the Department of Public Works.”

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